

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.3314, As Amended**

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TO:	The Honorable James H. Harrison, Chairman, House Judiciary Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Disabilities and Special Needs Department		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3314 amends Title 2 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, to create Section 2 entitled "Legislative Oversight of Executive Programs". The Bill also amends various sections of the Code relating to the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs so as to provide that the Department is headed and governed by a Director appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate and that the Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs serves as an advisory board to the Director.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

The Department reports this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other funds.

Legislative Audit Council (LAC)

The Bill would require the LAC to perform reviews and audits as directed by the legislative committees. Depending on the number of requests for audits and reviews, the Council may need an additional audit team. An audit team would require 4.00 FTEs including one Audit Manager, one Senior Auditor, and two Associate Auditors at an annual recurring cost to the General Fund of \$304,840. The first year would also include a non-recurring cost to the General Fund of \$22,000 for furniture, computers, and related equipment.

House of Representatives

For legislative oversight reviews performed during the normal legislative session, there will be no additional cost. For reviews performed on non-legislative session days, there will be a cost of \$245 per day for each legislative member involved in the review. These estimates assume existing committee staff would perform the oversight studies.

Senate

Senate staff is in the process of reviewing this Bill for its potential impact on its Committees. This impact statement will be revised to include this information once the review and analysis are completed.

Approved by:



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